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## **Abstract**

A system and method for parsing XML is provided. The method includes associating an input stream with a pull model parser, accepting requests to selectively parse out XML items from the input stream and retrieving metadata information associated with the parsed out XML items. The method further includes checking the pulled XML item to determine whether it conforms to XML syntax and/or semantic standards and validating the pulled XML item to determine whether it conforms to a selected DTD.